

Compaq Presario MyMovieSTUDIO

Getting Started



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Congratulations and welcome to the Compaq Presario MyMovieSTUDIO leading edge digital video editing and DVD authoring desktop computer. You've purchased a premier desktop solution for quickly recording, authoring, and editing DVDs without needing any specialized video editing or computing skills.

You can:

- Record directly to a DVD from any video source, such as a VCR*, television tuner*, or digital camcorder.
- Use wizards to successfully guide you through recording, editing, assisting with choices and preventing frustrating errors.
- Re-edit from a previously-recorded DVD with MyDVD software.
- Make CD-R and CD-RW recordings.

* Requires an ALL-IN-WONDER® Radeon™ card.

Note: Purchased or rented DVD movies are encrypted to prevent illegal copying.

Take a moment to familiarize yourself with the components that enable you to create professional looking DVDs. With your Compaq Presario MyMovieSTUDIO bundled solution, you should have:

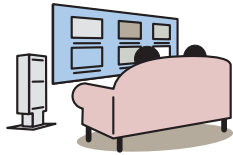
- A DVD-R/RW and CD-RW Combo drive (installed in your computer)
- Digital Video Center (1 IEEE-1394 port with 2 USB ports)
- MyDVD software (packaged with this booklet)



The DVD-R/RW and CD-RW Combo drive is an all-in-one drive that allows you to record movies onto a DVD disc, create music CDs on a CD-R disc, and store data on a CD-RW or DVD-RW disc. You can use the Easy CD Creator 5 CD kit (included in your box) to create music CDs and data storage CDs or DVDs.

You can use the MyDVD software (included in your box) to create home DVDs.

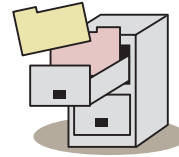
What can you do?



**Create home DVD
discs**



Create CDs



**Store data on CD-RW
& DVD-RW discs**

Now that you have the Compaq Presario MyMovieSTUDIO what do you do?

Get Connected

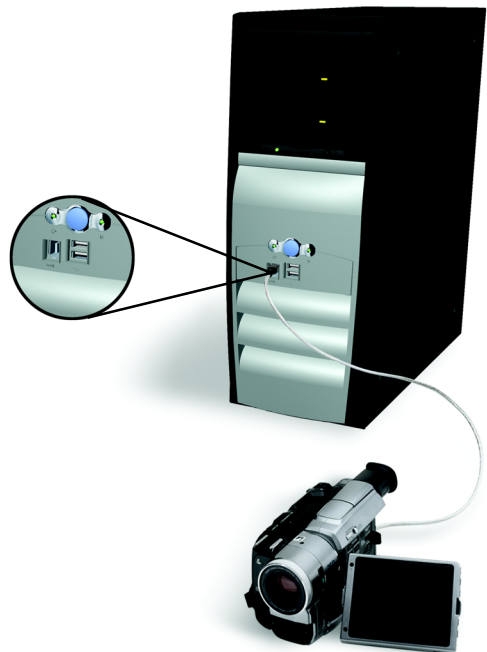
First, install the MyDVD software.

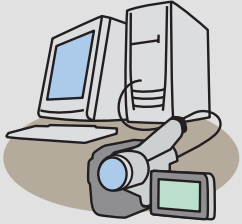
To install this software, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive and follow the on-screen steps.

Note: When you are finished installing your applications, re-boot your Compaq Presario computer.

Next, connect the hardware.

Connect your camcorder or other recording device to the IEEE-1394 port on the front of your Compaq Presario computer. Insert a DVD or CD disc into the DVD-R/RW and CD-RW Combo drive and you are ready to make DVDs or CDs.

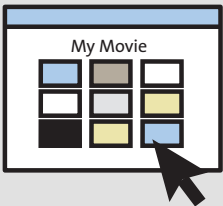




Record Directly to DVD or CD



Create or Author a New Project



Edit an Existing Project

What can you do with MyMovieSTUDIO?

The Compaq Presario MyMovieSTUDIO makes it easy to put quality video and audio onto recordable DVDs and CDs. Using the MyMovieSTUDIO bundled solution, you can record directly to DVD or CD, create or author a new project, or edit an existing DVD project previously recorded on a DVD disc.

What about advanced editing?

For more information, see “Preparing files using other applications” in the online MyDVD User Guide.

What do you need to make a recording?

To make a recording, you need a video source, such as a digital camcorder, TV*, or VHS* and DVD or CD media.

** Requires an ATI ALL-IN-WONDER® Radeon™ card.*

Get to know MyDVD

Take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with MyDVD.

To open the MyDVD application, double click the **MyDVD** icon on your desktop or from the **Start** button, click **All Programs, MyDVD**, then **MyDVD**.

It is recommended that you view the MyDVD software at a screen resolution of 1024 x 768 pixels. To modify your screen resolution:

1. Right click your desktop.
2. Click **Properties**, then the **Settings** tab.
3. In the **Screen Resolution** area, click and drag the slider to 1024 x 768 pixels.
4. Click **Apply**, then **OK**.

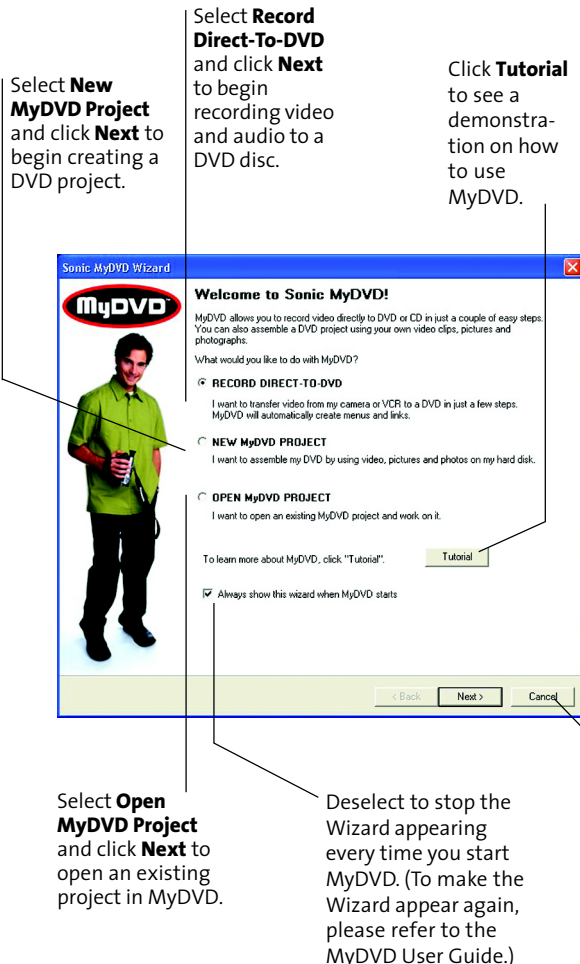
If you need additional help, refer to the **MyDVD User Guide**. To open the **MyDVD User Guide** from the **Start** button, click **All Programs, MyDVD**, then **MyDVD User Guide**.

The MyDVD Wizard

The MyDVD Wizard displays when you open MyDVD. The Wizard guides you through setting up the MyDVD software to:

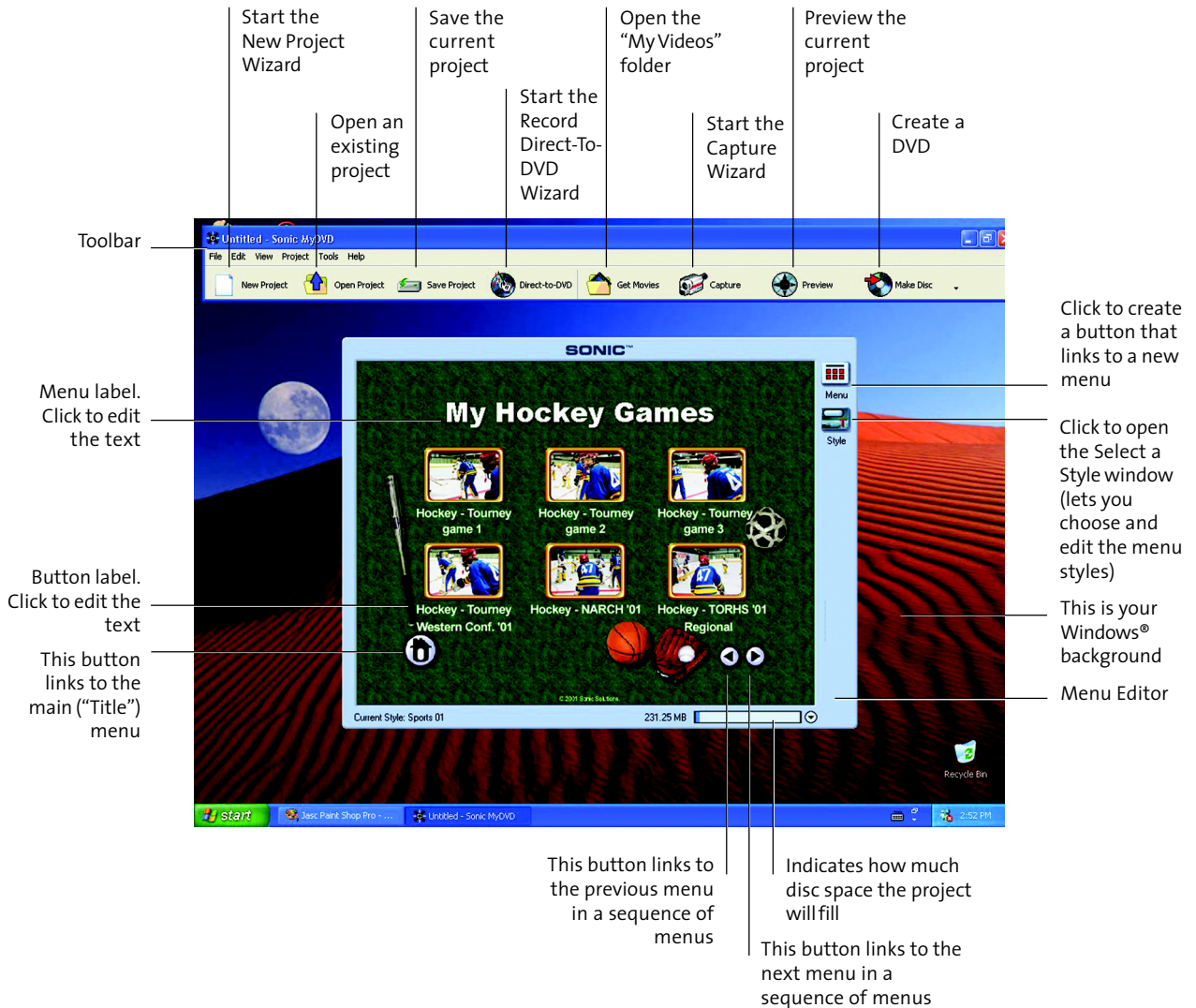
- Record directly to a DVD
- Create a new project*
- Edit an existing project
- View the tutorial

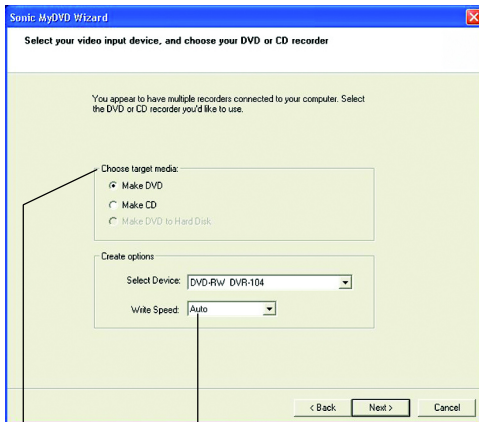
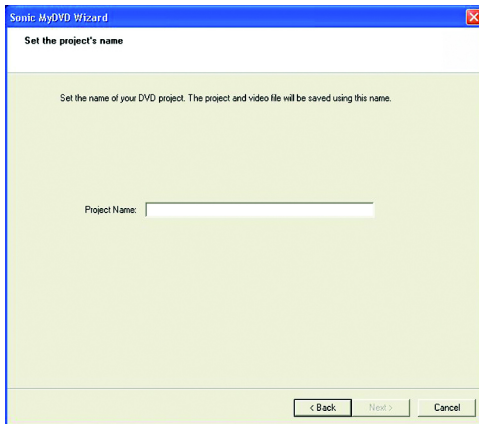
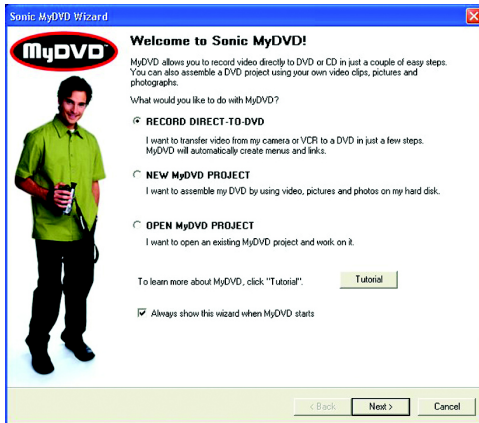
* If you want to download videos from a digital camcorder and edit them later, click **New MyDVD Project** from the Wizard or **New Project** from the toolbar.



The Toolbar and Menu Editor

You can use the toolbar to perform most of the functions in MyDVD. You can add video clips, create menus and buttons, select styles, and navigate through your project using the Menu Editor.





Select the disc to record to

Click to select speed

Create a Direct-to-DVD Recording

This feature allows you to quickly transfer or archive videos to a DVD without having to manually create or author titles, menus, or buttons. The Wizard walks you through the steps to automatically create a DVD that is ready to play.

1. Connect the video device to your Presario computer and insert a DVD or CD into the DVD-R/RW and CD-RW Combo drive.
2. Click **Record Direct-To-DVD** on the Wizard screen, then the **Next** button or click the **Direct-To-DVD** button on the toolbar.

Name Your Project

The project name is used to label the menu buttons and finished disc.

3. Enter a project name (maximum number of characters is 20) and click the **Next** button.

Choose Recording Media

You must have media in the drive or you will not be allowed to proceed. If you record DVD-video content on a CD-R or CD-RW disc, you can only playback the CD on a desktop computer with a CD-ROM or DVD-ROM drive. This CD does not playback on a DVD set-top player. The MyDVD software includes a special version of Intervideo's WinDVD™ that should automatically play the CD when it is inserted into a Windows-based computer.

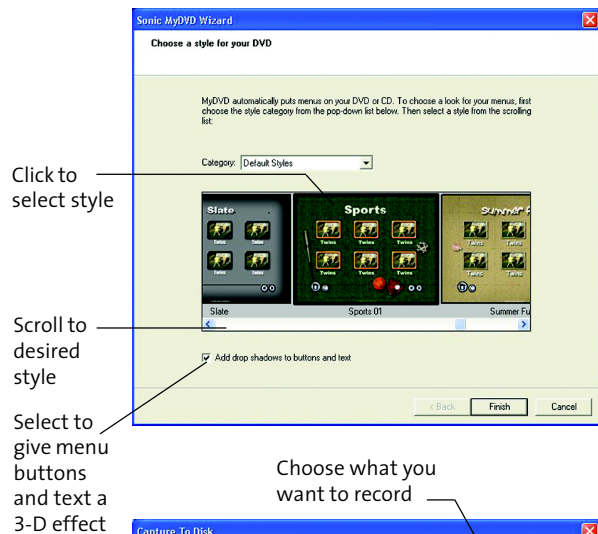
4. Select a disc type for recording from **Choose Target Media**.
5. Select the device for recording and the write speed from **Create Options**.

Note: The write speed is automatically selected as "Auto" if you are making a DVD.

6. Click the **Next** button.

Choose Your Menu Style

7. Select a category of menu styles from the **Category** drop-down list.
8. Scroll through the list, click the style to use for your menus, and click the **Next** button.



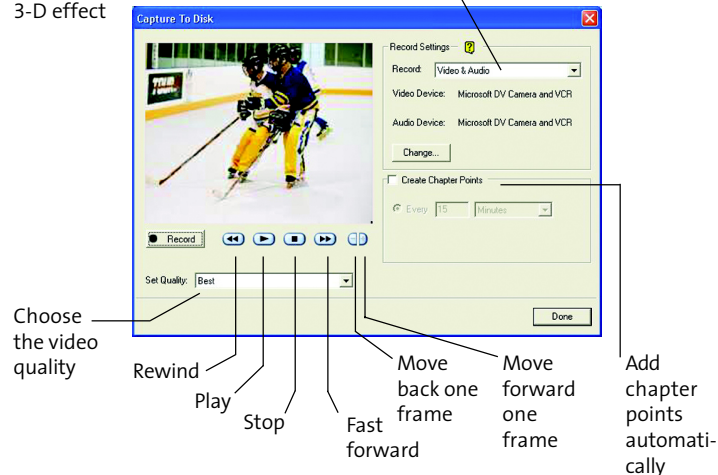
Set Recording Parameters

9. Select your record settings from **Record** drop-down list.
10. Select the quality for your recordings from the **Set Quality** drop-down list. Refer to the table below for more information on video quality settings and record time.

Make the Recording

You can use the VCR playback control buttons to locate the video you want to record on the DVD.

11. Click the **Record** button to begin recording.
12. Click the **Stop** button to finish recording. A message displays on the screen to indicate the process is complete.



	You can fit this amount of video on the disc...		
If you select a video quality setting of...	DVD (4.7 GB)	CD (700 MB)	CD (650 MB)
Best	60 minutes	9 minutes	8 minutes
Better	120 minutes	18 minutes	16 minutes
Good	180 minutes	27 minutes	24 minutes

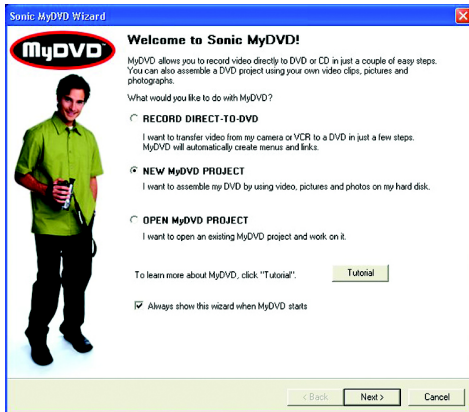
Note: A typical Direct-to-DVD project using a 60 minute tape will take 60 minutes to capture and an additional 60 minutes to author to DVD. Project times may vary if you perform editing.

Create or Author a New Project

Authoring or creating a movie project involves:

- Creating video
- Creating menus with buttons
- Adding movie clips to your project
- Previewing the project
- Recording to disc from the project

1. Click **New MyDVD Project** on the Wizard, then the **Next** button or click **New Project** on the toolbar.



Choose Your Style

A style consists of a background image and a layout for menu buttons and labels. For more information on editing styles, see the MyDVD User Guide.

2. Select a category of menu styles from the **Category** drop-down list.
3. Scroll through the list, click the style to use for your layout (for example, background, menus, and buttons).
4. Click the **Finish** button.

Add Movie Clips to Your DVD Menu

5. Click **Get Movies** on the toolbar.
6. Locate the clip you want to link to your menu.

Note: MyDVD saves movie clips to the **My Videos** folder located in the **My Documents** folder on your desktop. You can save movie clips in other locations.

7. Click **Open** to add movie clips to your DVD project.

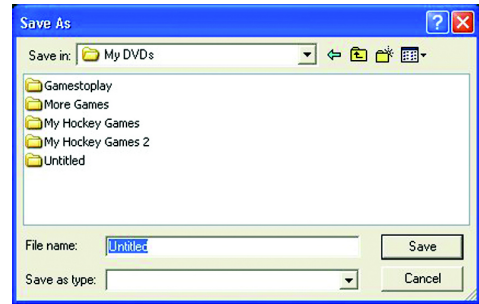


Scroll to
desired style

Save the Project

- Click **Save Project** on the toolbar or choose **File, Save Project**.
- Type a file name for the project and click **Save**.

Note: MyDVD saves all projects to the **My DVDs** folder located in the **My Documents** folder on your desktop. Each project has a unique folder that contains the project file saved with the name you entered and a .dvd extension.



Create a DVD

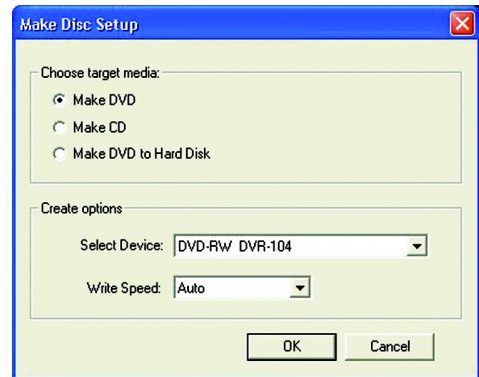
You can record your project to:

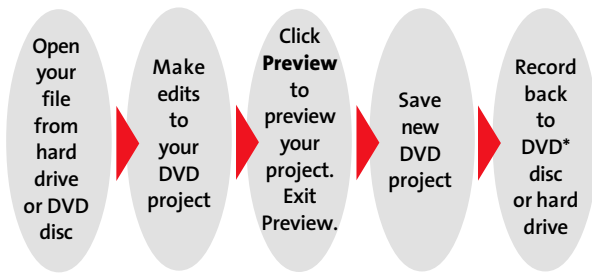
- A DVD-R or DVD-RW disc
- A CD-R or CD-RW disc

For more information on DVD and CD disc properties, see the MyDVD User Guide.

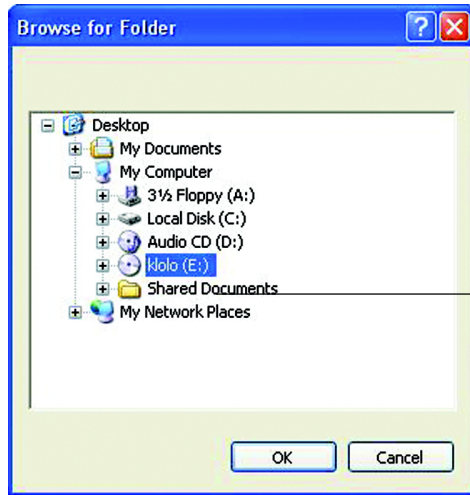
- Insert a disc in your DVD-R/RW and CD-RW Combo drive.
- Click **Make Disc** on the toolbar.
- Choose your recording options on the **Make Disc Setup** window.
- Click **OK** to start recording.

Note: Depending on the size of your project, this may take a while to complete. A message displays on the screen when the process is finished and MyDVD ejects the disc.





* You can record back to existing DVD disc if DVD-RW is being used.



Select the disc

Your DVD project file will appear on the D drive if it is a single-drive configuration.



Edit an Existing Project

You can open and edit any projects that you have already recorded to your hard drive or DVD disc. You do not have to store your video, audio, or graphic files on your hard drive in order to edit your projects.

For more information on advanced editing, see “What about advanced editing?” on page 4.

Open a recorded DVD file

1. Insert the DVD disc into the DVD-R/RW and CD-RW Combo drive.
2. Open the MyDVD software.
3. Choose **File**, then **Edit DVD**.
4. Select the DVD-R/RW and CD-RW Combo drive that contains the files.
5. Click **OK**.

Note: The MyDVD Wizard screen displays. Click **Cancel** to close it.

Make edits to your project

From the menu editor, you can:

- Add and edit video clips
- Create additional menus
- Delete buttons
- Change menu styles
- Modify menu and buttons labels

Add Video Clips

When creating movie clips, you can use chapter points to separate your video into one or more sections that are linked to menu buttons.

If you add chapter points while capturing your video, MyDVD creates menu buttons for each chapter point and labels them consecutively with the project name. For example, if the project name was “My Hockey Games,” then chapter point menu buttons would be “My Hockey Games 1,” “My Hockey Games 2,” and so on.

If you do not add chapter points, MyDVD creates a single menu button that links to the captured clip.

1. Connect the video device to your Presario computer.
2. Click **Capture** on the toolbar or choose **Tools**, then **Capture**.
3. Choose your settings from the **Capture to Disk** window.
4. Click **Record** to start recording and **Stop** when finished.
5. Enter a file name and click **Save**.

Note: MyDVD saves movie clips to the **My Videos** folder located in the **My Documents** folder. You can save movie clips in other locations.

6. Click **Done** to close the window.

Edit Video Clips

You may want to edit or “trim” your video clip to remove unwanted material.

1. On the menu editor, double click the button you want to edit.

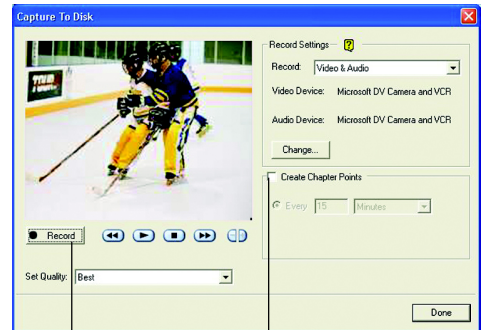
Note: If the menu contains chapter points, you must click the button that contains the first chapter point.

2. Drag the **Green** slider bar to the right to modify the start frame.
3. Drag the **Red** slider bar to the left to modify the end frame.

Note: Click the **Reset** button to return the sliders to their original positions.

4. Click **OK** to apply the changes.

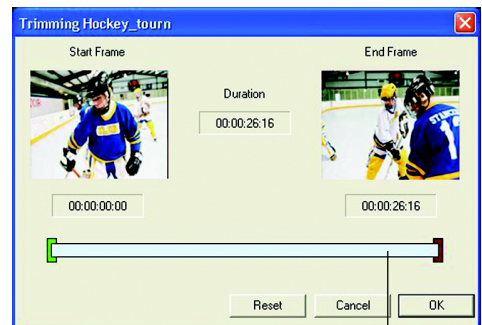
Note: Adjusting the length of a video that has chapter points might cause some chapter points to be deleted and automatically renumbered.



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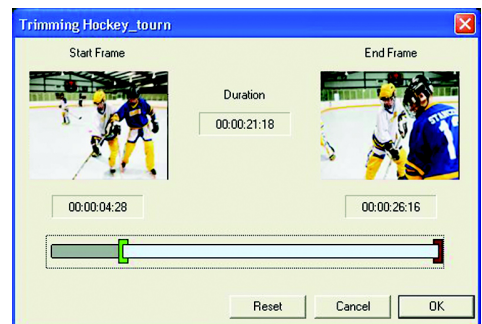
Select to add chapter points automatically while capturing

Before “trim”



Scroll to desired frame

After “trim”





Create Additional Menus

MyDVD automatically creates additional menus when the number of buttons exceeds the maximum number for the menu style. You can also manually create additional menus.

For additional help on creating menus, see the MyDVD User Guide.

1. On the **Menu Editor**, click **Menu** or choose **Project**, then **New Menu**.

Note: MyDVD places a button that links you to the new menu page.

2. Add video clips and/or additional menus and buttons as needed.

Delete Buttons

You can delete buttons that link to video clips, chapter points, and menus. You cannot delete buttons that are used for navigation.

If you delete a video clip, MyDVD deletes:

- Buttons associated with clip
- Buttons linked to chapter points in that project
- Video clip from the project, but does not delete the file from your computer

When you delete buttons, the remaining buttons move to fill the empty space.

1. On the menu editor, right click the button you want to delete.
2. Click **Delete Chapter**, **Delete Movie**, or **Remove Audio** from the pop-up menu.

Note: If you select **Delete Chapter** or **Remove Audio**, the deletion occurs without any message.

3. If you select **Delete Movie**, click **Yes** to delete the movie and associated chapters from the project.

Modify menu styles

You can change the style of the menus in your project. To create a custom style, click **Style**, then the **New Custom Style** button on the Menu Editor. You can also download additional styles from the MyDVD web site.

1. On the menu editor, click **Style** or choose **Project**, then **Change Menu Style**.
2. Choose a style category from the **Category** drop down list.
3. Scroll through the styles for the category and click the style you want to use for your project.
4. Click **OK** to use the new style.



Modify button and menu labels

You can change the labels of buttons and menus in your project.

You can only change the font, size, or color of text by choosing a different style or creating a custom one.

1. Click the button label you want to modify.
2. Enter the new text.
3. Press **Enter** or click anywhere on the menu editor outside the text box to stop editing the text.



Modify the
button label

Main
menu

Status
of
project

Preview your project

You can preview your project at any time using the remote control.

1. Click **Preview** or choose **Tools**, then **Preview** from the toolbar.
2. Click the remote control's buttons to control the playback.
3. Click the remote control's **Close** button to resume editing the project.



New button
label

To
higher
level
menu

Drive and Media Information

You can use several different types of media with your CD or DVD drives. Media simply refers to the type of disc you insert into the CD or DVD drive.

The type of drive determines what you can do with your drive you have and the media you use in the drive. For example, you can listen to music, but not record it, if you use a CD-ROM disc in the CD drive. On the other hand, you can record and playback a DVD movie, if you use a DVD-R or DVD-RW disc in the DVD-R/RW drive. Here are the types of media supported on your DVD-R/RW drive.

Media and Drive Comparison

Media	File Type	Ability to Record	Ability to Playback	Ability to Playback on other computers	DVD Set-up
CD-ROM	Data	No	Yes	Requires CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, CD-RW or DVD-R/RW hardware	Varies per model
	Music	No	Yes	Requires CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, CD-RW or DVD-R/RW hardware	Varies per model
CD-R	Data	Yes	Yes (only once)	Requires CD-RW or DVD-R/RW hardware	Varies per model
	MP3 Music	Yes	Yes (only once)	Requires CD-RW or DVD-R/RW hardware	Varies per model
CD-RW	Data	Yes	Yes	Requires CD-RW or DVD-R/RW hardware	Varies per model
	MP3 Music	Yes	Yes	Requires CD-RW or DVD-R/RW hardware	Varies per model
DVD-ROM	Data	No	Yes	Requires DVD playback software and DVD-ROM or DVD-R/RW hardware	No
	DVD Movie	No	Yes	Requires DVD playback, software and DVD-ROM or DVD-R/RW hardware	Yes
DVD-R	Data	Yes	Yes (only once)	Requires DVD-ROM or DVD-R/RW hardware and software	No
	DVD Movie	Yes	Yes (only once)	Requires DVD-ROM or DVD-R/RW hardware and software	Yes (varies per model)
DVD-RW	Data	Yes	Yes	Requires DVD-R/RW hardware and software	No
	DVD Movie	Yes	Yes	Requires DVD-R/RW hardware and software	Varies per model

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